

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 3 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising:

- a tray on which to place the print medium;
- a tray guide removably mounted to the printing apparatus to support said tray so that said tray can be fed;
- a detecting portion for detecting whether or not said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus;
- a carriage that moves with the print head mounted thereon; and
- control means for ~~limiting movement of said carriage~~ prohibiting said carriage from moving to a replacing position for attaching or detaching the print head or an ink tank for supplying ink to the print head, when said detecting portion detects that said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the print head is removable from the carriage and a~~ the replacing position for ~~attaching or detaching the print head or an ink tank for feeding ink to the print head~~ is arranged at a position overlying a feeding path of the print medium.

Claims 3 and 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A printing method for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising the steps of:

- removably mounting to a printing apparatus a tray guide that supports a tray on which the print medium is placed so that the tray can be fed;
- detecting whether or not the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus by a detecting portion; and
- ~~limiting the movement of the carriage which carries the print head~~

prohibiting the carriage from moving to a replacing position for attaching or detaching the print head or an ink tank for feeding ink to the print head when the detecting portion detects that the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 3 1, further comprising a cover member which rotates to expose the carriage to the exterior, wherein opening of said cover member causes the carriage to move to the replacing position.

7. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein an error alarm occurs when said control means ~~limits~~ prohibits the movement of the carriage independently from the opening of said cover member.

8. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein following the error alarm, closing of said cover member, detachment of said tray guide from the printing apparatus and re-opening of said cover member, said carriage moves to the replacing position.

Claim 9 (Canceled).